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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt's nomination as republican candidate in 1904 is certain. During the past week his chances of being the choice of his party were discussed on all sides here and his endorsement was stronger than even his friends had anticipated. A dozen United States senators and a score of national committeemen, who know the sentiment in their respective states, have given out interviews in which they state positively that the president is the only man to succeed himself. These statements were issued in reply to an editorial from a party paper in Ohio which questioned the advisability of nominating Mr. Roosevelt.

The opinion of the committeemen who are now in session here is especially important. George R. Sheldon of York, said that if Mr. Roosevelt could not carry the Empire State, he knew of no one who could. Governor Murphy of New Jersey declared his state was on record for the president without doubt. National Committeeman Brooker of Connecticut gave assurance that there was no question about the nomination of Roosevelt in his state. Mr. Van Fleet gave similar assurance for California. Iowa was certain according to Committeeman Hunt. Roosevelt sentiment in the State of Washington was expressed by former Senator Wilson, and Colorado by Committeeman Stevenson. Of the Southern states, Virginia, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and Maryland and Missouri will send Roosevelt delegates to the National Convention according to the assurances of their committee representatives attending the present meeting. Politicians from Ohio declared that Senator Hanna had a host of friends but they knew he would not be a candidate. Other committeemen added their names to this list of Roosevelt endorsees, and of all who expressed their opinions only two states, Alabama and Mississippi were opposed to the president. In these two states there had been quarrels over the federal patronage. Of course neither of them will count anything for the republican candidate in the final election. Senators Frye, Hale, Dooliver, Penrose and Platt of Connecticut were among those who issued statements earlier in the week to the effect that the president's nomination was certain. Opponents of the president's nomination have been crushed and no doubt silenced.

"All of interest to the republican party that centers in this meeting can be told in one word, that is 'success.' And all that is necessary to bring about that result is to stand pat upon the principles and policies." These words from Senator Hanna, as he called to order the republican national committee, in its initial meeting at the Arlington Hotel, brought forth hearty applause. As the roll call of all the state was read there were but 22 absentees, who were represented by proxy. A blank proxy sent to Senator Hanna by an absent member was filled in by Perry S. Heath, the secretary of the committee, who will thus have two votes. The first business before the committee is the selection of the city in which to hold the convention. Chicago and St. Louis lead in the contest, with chances in favor of the former, although St. Louis is making a "very attractive proposition." Among the communications read by the secretary was one from a committee of New York citizens asking to be heard in executive session on the defense of the rights of disfranchised voters in the South, and another from the Economic League of New York asking a hearing on the question of the prevention of the growth of Socialism.

In the afternoon the members of the committee were received by the president. He known nearly all of them personally and the greetings were cordial. Mr. Heath was not present at the reception. The committee will be in session several days.

High officials in the War and Navy Departments are watching closely events in Panama and are prepared to meet any emergency in carrying out the administration's policy of protecting Panama against an attack from Columbia. War ships are patrolling each side of the isthmus watching for Columbian troops, and marines have been landed in several places for the same purpose. Three or four regiments of the Army are ready to be rushed to the isthmus from New York and Newport News, in case the Navy Department can-

not cope with the situation. For several days it has been reported and also denied that 1100 Columbian troops were landed from Cartagena, near the Atrato river on the Gulf of Darien and near Panama's boundary. Their purpose is to march over land to the cities of Panama and Colon. As such a march is extremely difficult, if not impossible, and as it would take at least a month, the war department will have plenty of time to intercept the invaders.

Such was like action on the part of Columbia is strongly deprecated by Dr. Herran, the charge d'affaires at Washington, and General Reyes, who is commander-in-chief of the Columbia forces. Owing to Secretary Hay's illness, General Reyes has been unable to see him to terminate his mission. It is known that the general has informed his government that there is no hope of prevailing on the United States to retrace its steps, and that the only chance of accomplishing anything is to secure satisfactory peace terms with the new republic.

The canal treaty has been sent to the senate and is now in the hands of the committee of Foreign Affairs. President Roosevelt's justification of the administration's course contained in his message, has met with general approval among republicans. There is no doubt that the few democratic votes necessary to get two thirds majority of senate will be easily secured. After obtaining the floor for a speech on Cuba, Senator Morgan made another bitter attack on the Panama policy of the president. It looks as if Senator Hoar of Massachusetts would also oppose the Administration, although he is a republican. Southern politicians, however, are warning the democrats not to make an issue out of the Panama affair.

A Commission to consider and recommend legislation for the development of the American merchant marine is provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts. The commission is to be composed of the secretary of the navy, the postmaster general, the secretary of commerce and labor, and three members each of the house and senate. It is to investigate and report to congress at its next session, what legislation is desirable for the development of the American merchant marine, commerce and a national ocean mail service.

The Lady or the Tiger?
The victory of Tammany in New York City is an event of more than local significance. It may be called a national calamity. It is also a national object lesson. It shows the great difficulty, under present conditions, of getting and keeping decent municipal government in our large cities. The good men will be at an undue disadvantage as long as they have to go to the ballot box without their natural allies, the good women.

A New York daily paper, which is opposed to Tammany but also opposed to equal suffrage, asked just before the election, "On which side are all the forces that make for righteousness?" It enumerated these forces, and named among them the good women. "On which side," it asked, "are the good women?" There is no doubt on which side they are, but in the election they were not counted. Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the National Consumers' League, who believed in equal suffrage, said at a recent anti Tammany meeting, "The hero of Stockton's story did not know behind which door he should find the lady; but the voters of New York know perfectly well beforehand behind which door stands the lady, and behind which the tiger." If women had had the ballot, Tammany would not have returned to power. The result of the election is deeply to be regretted for the sake of New York; but it ought to bring a great increase of membership to the Equal Suffrage Association.—Alice Stone Blackwell.

Fight Will Be Bitter.
Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Bell of Bell, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. In improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Thos. J. Bunnell of Port Jervis was in town Tuesday.

W. J. Uoon, superintendent of the Blooming Grove Park, was in town Monday.

John Wohlfaeth and Frank Keller of Shohola made a short visit to this borough the first of the week.

R. V. R. Stayresant of New York, who has been spending some months in town a guest of Mrs. Fannie Dimmick, departed for home Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Blood of Caddesbachville, who is visiting the family of her father, T. R. J. Klein, is slowly recovering from a very painful affliction.

George K. Ridgeway, formerly of Milford, now residing at Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed in the Michigan Southern Railway, recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Rev. Dr. Henry H. Jessup, for forty eight years a missionary at Beirut, Syria, is now in this country and will return to his post in a few days. He is a brother to the late W. H. Jessup, well known here.

S. P. Mosher, who will be pleasant recalled as a resident here some years ago, when the family lived on George street, has by perseverance and application attained a responsible position in Dowagiac, Mich., where he is now cashier of a bank.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM NYCE
The Caldwell (Kansas) News of December 10th contains an obituary notice of William Noyce, a brother of the late Col. John Noyce of this borough, who died at that place December first. He was born Aug. 22, 1822, in Randolph, N. J., and was a son of John and Maria, Van Campen, Noyce.

In early years he was a sailor and at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted August 6, 1861, in the 2d N. J. Cavalry, known as the Harris Light Cavalry, and became a 1st Lieutenant. He served in many battles, was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, confined in Libby prison for eight months, and also at Charleston, S. C., until March, 1863, being 19 months a prisoner before exchanged. After his discharge, April 19, 1865, he returned to New Jersey, and soon after went to Three Rivers, Mich., where he resided 7 years, then went to Grand Rapids, where he lived 12 years, and in April, 1884, went to Caldwell where he since made his home.

February 16, 1860, he married Matilda B. Abbott of Pleasant Mount, Wayne county, Pa. He united with the Presbyterian church and subsequently with the Christian church of which he was an active member. The News speaks of him as a kind husband, a good citizen, having a deep interest in the welfare of his church and community.

One daughter, a Mrs. Pickett, of Caldwell, survives, and also two brothers, James and Jacob, of Port Jervis and one sister, Mrs. Catharine Roney, of Matamoras. The funeral, largely attended by comrades of Up-ton Post G. A. R. and others, was held December second.

HERVEY L. JOHNSON
Mr. Johnson, who was well known here where he was employed in the watch case shops for several years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Westbrook in Port Jervis early Tuesday morning, December 15th, of bronchitis.

He was born in Chicago July 18, 1856, and was a son of Alfred J. and Eleanor Cortright Johnson. His mother having been a member of an old Milford family. October 13, 1876, he married Sibyl Decker, whose parents were also residents of this county. About eleven years ago they moved to Chicago, where Mrs. Johnson died about five years ago. The daughter above named and one brother, J. A. Johnson, of Chicago, survive him.

Annual Election
The annual election for Managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday, Jan. 5, 1904, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Secretary.
A Frightened Horse
Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behoves everybody to have a reliable auto huck and there's none as good as Buckle's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c at all druggists.

STATE GRANGE MEETING

Report of Worthy Master—Some New Laws Derived

Pennsylvania Grangers held their annual meeting in Wilkes-Barre last week. Some 600 delegates were in attendance. Worthy Master Hill, in his annual report, stated that the year just closing has been a very fruitful one, several new granges having been organized and others reorganized. Pomona granges have also been established in McKean and Potter counties. In only two other states have the grangers as much grain as in Pennsylvania. The grange press bureau is in successful operation and news letters are sent weekly to 300 newspapers. Commenting on the work of the legislative committee, Master Hill said: "Several measures of interest to farmers were acted upon at the last session of the legislature, but road bills seemed to be most in evidence. Finally a road bill was passed that represented something of interest to all concerned. The law was not what the farmers wanted. While the appropriation of \$1,250,000 is shamefully small for so vast a subject, it is, nevertheless, a step in the right direction, and will have the effect of committing the state to its public roads."

In closing, the master made the following recommendations: The equalization of taxation. The general establishment of rural mail delivery. The extension of trolley and telephone service through the country. The placing of a grange in every township in the country.

Secretary J. T. Allman, of Juniata county, in his annual report, said that the membership had increased 5,000 during the year and twenty-six new granges had been organized.

At a session of the grange the State Librarian, Thomas L. Montgomery, read his annual report which showed his department to be in a very flourishing condition.

Elwood Pomeroy, of New Jersey, president of the national district legislation committee, delivered a lengthy address.

The treasurer, S. E. Niven, of Chester county, reported that there was a larger surplus in the treasury now than at any time since 1896.

Farmers' Institute

Remember the Farmers' Institutes to be held at Milford Wednesday, December 30th, and at Dingman's Ferry Thursday, December 31st. These sessions will be attended by L. W. Lighty, of Adams county, whose speciality is the cow and dairy products and incidentally what and how to feed and how to raise it, and by Dr. I. A. Thayer, of Lawrence county, who in addition to the above topics is an expert on soils and manures. W. H. Stent, of Schuylkill county, will likely be here and his chief topic is fruit growing. Farmers come out and hear these men talk and ask them questions and exchange views with them. These institutes, though rather slimly attended in the past, have been of benefit to some and the design is to aid you all if you will only avail yourselves of the opportunity. Come out and hear the progressive men of the state.

Fishing Through the Ice

Attorney General Carson furnished State Fish Commissioner Mehan Monday with an opinion, in which he decides that fishing with a line through a hole in the ice, attached to a short stick spanning the bog, popularly known as "tipup," is a legal means of taking fish, provided it be confined to one line, with not more than three hooks.

Mr. Carson says it may be fairly construed as a hand line, but a series of holes, through which hand lines are used, connected as they are by the solid mass of ice and multiplying the hands of the owner in taking fish amounts in effect to a set device, which is not permitted by existing acts.

New Years Day N. Y. Excursion

Friday, January 1st, New Years Day, the Erie will run a popular one dollar excursion to New York, special train leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m., arriving city at 10 a. m., returning special train leaving Chambers Street New York at 7.45 p. m., allowing over nine hours in city for one dollar the round trip.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Lassative Brome Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 40c.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The hunting season for pheasants, rabbits, quails and squirrels closed last Tuesday.

Asa Redding of Mast Hope was killed by an Erie train near Shohola last Friday.

The Erie runs a special one dollar New York excursion leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m. New Years Day, January 1st.

Court will convene here next Monday, but as no jury has been called the business will be only the usual routine of motions and argument.

The Republican National Committee has fixed June 21, 1904, as the time and Chicago as the place for holding the next Republican Convention to nominate a candidate for president.

Intense cold weather has prevailed part of this week in the West. In Chicago Monday the thermometer fell to 16 below zero, the coldest December day in thirty-three years, and in Sullivan county, this state, it was 22 below zero.

A new ad. of Mitchell's appears this week. For substantial goods and all the necessaries for the family there is no better place to buy. Their lines are complete and prices in conformity to quality.

A true bill has been returned in the Sussex county court by the Grand Jury against George N. Jagger on an indictment charging him with the murder of Mary Bevans on the evening of Oct. 23, 1903. Jagger pleaded not guilty and his trial has been set down for Jan. 11th, 1904.

The Delineator for January, just out, is a beautiful number. Three pages are devoted to a letter by Mrs. Caborn, the renowned fashion authority, and the whole is finely illustrated. To music lovers the story of how "Parsifal," the celebrated opera, was written will be of great interest as will also the sketch of Mrs. Seaman-Hoink, probably the greatest living contralto. There are many other attractive features in fashions, beautifying the home and kindred topics. You will be pleased with the number. Send \$1.00 for a year's subscription.

Prof. Somerville's Adventures

In a recent number of the Philadelphia Sunday Press, Maxwell Somerville, Professor of Egyptology in the U. P., has a very interesting article on his experiences among the savage tribes of the Sahara while in search of Amulets and Talismans for his magnificent collection. He recounts some very narrow escapes from death because of the superstitious and savagery of the natives from whom he obtained articles venerated by them. On one occasion he had bought a devil-chaser for five dollars, but the head men of the settlement having learned of his success in obtaining the fetch surrounded his camp and ordered them to move on. They had to pack up and decamp without much order in the going, a howling mob of men and women accompanying them on the journey. The Senegalese tribe which he visited is a mixture and has not profited greatly by contact with civilization. The Foulanes bear some resemblance to the ancient Egyptians and are a brave and well formed race who treat their wives, of whom they generally have four, with consideration.

Real Estate Transfers

Jennie Rosenthal to William Lickstrom, lot No. 13, in Milford Heights, \$1.

Lewis Milton Williams to Frank Babcock and wife, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Galbraith, \$1.

Annie Carleton and others to Lewis Miller, release of legacies, Christian Miller estate.

Louis Aford to J. F. Meehan and others, 12 acres, on East Branch creek, \$314.

Anthony Bloss to same, 25 acres, Greene, on East Branch creek, \$757.

B. F. Kipp to same, 100 acres, Greene, \$9500.

J. V. D. Sloan to J. Lewis Good, lots 6 and 8, Edgemore, Delaware, \$1000.

G. Frank Rowland to Edward L. Jones, 205 acres, on Lackawaxen river, \$1600.

A Costly Mistake

Blindness are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c at all druggists.

NEEDS AN EXPLANATION

Where There is so Much Difference in the Cost of Two Bridges Should be Explained

The Hawkey Times, speaking of the management of Wayne county bridge affairs, draws a comparison between the prompt and economical action of the Wayne commissioners as compared with the way things are done by our board. This may call for some explanation which we will be pleased to furnish if our officials will give the figures. The Times says:

The best kind of business men should control our affairs, and such we have in our present board of County Commissioners. During their incumbency of the office which has given them control of the affairs of our county, and which they have so faithfully administered, destructive floods have carried away many of our bridges, the replacing of which has made a large demand upon the time and ability of the gentlemen. The stupendous task has been conducted throughout with vigor and good judgment.

Of this we have a sample in our borough. On Oct. 9th the bridge at the Eddy was one of the many carried away at that time. Ten days from that time work was commenced on the temporary structure which spans the river, and on the 22d it was open for travel. On Nov. 3d concrete abutments for the new bridge were begun, and Saturday last, Dec. 6th, were finished. By their indefatigable zeal the supports are ready to receive their burden and are substantial and artistic. Here we see the ability of the commissioners if we compare the cost of this temporary bridge with others on the same stream but erected under other supervision: for instance, the temporary bridge at Rowlands, Pike Co., we are informed is being erected by contract at a cost of 800, while the one at the Eddy of nearly the same length was placed at a cost of \$250. Certainly such comparisons reflect to the credit of the Wayne county commissioners.

Distribution of Seeds

The Department of Agriculture is making preparations for the usual free seed distribution farce which congress annually puts upon the shoulders of the secretary. A resolution has been introduced in congress to abolish this fake and restore the free distribution of seeds to its original basis, from which it has degenerated into the present wholesale scattering of hundreds of thousands of little packets of common vegetable and flower seeds, under the franks of the various congressmen and senators. The idea embodied in the original distribution of seeds was that unknown or untried varieties and species might be tried in different sections of the country where it was believed they would increase the value of farm crops. This is still an entirely legitimate undertaking of the government. The department has a number of agricultural explorers constantly traveling over different parts of the world, studying the different crops and buying seeds and plants for trial in this country. Most of our agriculture has been developed from crops grown in other countries and new things are constantly being discovered which enrich our agriculture millions of dollars annually. A liberal congressional appropriation for this purpose, the expenditure to be left in the hands of the secretary, would be legislation really in the interest of the farmer, but the present system is simply the result of legislation which looks to the supposed benefit of each congressman desiring to make himself solid with his constituents through the distribution of little packets of turnips, cabbages and radishes.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Barret Bridge Company will be held at the Office of the company in the Farnam Building in Port Jervis on Tuesday, January 5th proximo, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

FRANCIS MARVIN, Secy.
Port Jervis, Dec. 16, 1903.

Bilious Colic Prevented
Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people who are subject to attacks of bilious colic use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike County.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Good sleighing.
Ice is growing.
Wood and coal are in demand.

J. A. Watts has been busy getting out X-mas trees.

Mrs. Augusta Beach has gone to New York to spend the winter.

It is rumored that Schanno Bros. may locate near town in the spring.

Katsenjammer and Kopfshmer-zel! Some of the boys know what they mean.

The retail price of strictly fresh eggs is about 45 cents per dozen.

Thanksgiving turkeys were high, but Christmas turkeys will be higher yet.

A sleigh ride is fun. An upset against a hill not so much so, but rather dangerous because somebody might get hurt.

The time is about here to make up your mind what you would like in your stocking on Christmas. The chances are you will be disappointed when you examine your presents.

Most of the travel from here to Port Jervis from now on until the new bridge is up will have to be done by way of New Jersey. What is most missed over there is a half way house.

The new style of assessing is causing considerable discussion, and is liable to give the county commissioners some fun before everything is straightened up to everybody's satisfaction.

Geo. Jagger has been indicted by the Sussex county Grand jury for the murder of Mrs. Victor Bevans. The trial has been set for January 11, 1904. Former Prosecutor Theo. Simonson and Hon. L. Martin will look after the interests of the defendant.

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

Have you trials here below?
Are you often now repenting?
Do it not for don't you know,
That every cloud has a silver lining?

Does life seem cold and dark and drear?
Yet the gold still needs refining.
And don't you find with every year,
That every cloud has a silver lining?

No matter what the world may say,
I'm still the same old man,
That as we live from day to day,
Every cloud has a silver lining.

And through the blackest midnight still,
My thoughts to this I'm leaning,
That if we work and have the will,
Every cloud has a silver lining.

So when the way is very dark,
Our little ray dividing,
We forward press unto the mark,
For every cloud has a silver lining.

Life holds so much of joy and love,
That wherefore all this pining?
Though dark below, 'tis bright above,
For every cloud has a silver lining.

Thus when at last our work is done,
And we in peace reclining,
Will find at time of setting sun,
That every cloud has a silver lining.

San Jose Scale

It was decided last week at a meeting of official entomologists held in Washington that the lime-sulphur wash for the San Jose Scale is the best established insecticide for treating the pest. Apply it at any time when the weather is not so cold as to freeze the mixture as soon as it touches the branches. Trim the trees first to save time, labor and material in applying the wash. Apply while hot because then it will run better through the apparatus. This is the time of year to inspect trees for the various kinds of scale insects and eggs of plant lice. Suspected twigs may be sent to the state department of agriculture division of zoology for examination and information.

Silverman, the clothier at East Stroudsburg, has something fresh to say respecting his stock. This cold weather makes people think of warm clothing, and price and quality considered there can be no more desirable place to visit than Silverman's.

Wyckoff, of Stroudsburg, also has a tempting stock for customers. Probably no more complete assortment or superior quality of articles can be found in any store outside the large cities. Read his announcement.

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